

life of Dick, I, too, would like to pay tribute to this remarkable man and friend.

As the managing editor of the Montrose Daily Press for 31 years, Dick's work ethic was the stuff of legend. According to his colleagues, Dick never missed a day of work in his thirty plus years as managing editor. Often, Dick could be found reading reports off the press wire as early as 4:00 in the morning. Dick's unwavering dedication to the Daily Press has been described by those who worked under his leadership as "legendary" and "inspirational." Such accolades seem befitting a man who was widely recognized to be one of Colorado's most accomplished journalists.

As a native of Grand Junction and graduate of Grand Junction High School in 1958, Dick returned to the Grand Valley after leaving the Montrose Daily Press to become the special sections editor of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel. In this capacity, Dick served with the same distinction and dedication that he had so readily demonstrated in his time with the Daily Press. And as was the case with his time at the Daily Press, the quality of Dick's work brought widespread acclaim both to himself and the Daily Sentinel.

Although his professional accomplishments will long be remembered and admired, most who knew him well will remember Dick Day, above all else, as a friend. It is clear that the multitude of those who have come to know Dick as a friend, including myself, will be worse off in his absence. However, Mr. Speaker, I am confident that, in spite of this profound loss, the family and friends of Dick Day can take solace in the knowledge that each is a better person for having known him.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR ROBERT SHERMAN**

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleagues the award for Lifetime Achievement that was presented to my remarkable constituent Bob Sherman by the Alumni Associations of the University of California, Santa Barbara. Bob Sherman, UCSB Class of 1947, has had a phenomenal record of success as a national and international senior tennis champion. He has won more senior tennis titles than all but one other player ever. Over the past thirty-five years there have been only a few in which he did not win a national or international championship. As recently as 1996 he won the singles Grand Slam. Yet in our hometown of Santa Barbara, he is better known as a very popular tennis pro and instructor who is eager to work with students of all ages.

Bob Sherman remains active and competitive, with many lifetimes of achievement remaining in his wonderful career. He is a member of the UCSB Athletic Hall of Fame and is a testimonial that excellence can be achieved at every age, and therefore an example to us all. I am proud to join my friends at UCSB in recognizing Bob Sherman's on-going lifetime of achievement.

**IN HONOR OF THE PROMOTION TO
MAJOR OF CAPTAIN JOHN F.
"JACK" DROHAN**

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to say a few words in tribute to USAF Captain John F. "Jack" Drohan. Captain Drohan is currently serving as the Chief of Acquisition Career Management Policy working for the Under Secretary of Air Force Acquisition in the Pentagon. Tomorrow, February 26, 1999, Captain Drohan, a loyal and dedicated Air Force officer, will be promoted to the rank of Major. With this promotion, he was also selected for attendance at the Air Force's Intermediate Service School.

After completing his B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Florida, Captain Drohan was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 2, 1987. He served at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio where he received a M.S. in Engineering Management from the University of Dayton. Captain Drohan also served in the Air Force's Education with Industry program for 10 months with Tracor Aerospace in Austin, Texas before serving at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Captain Drohan is also a distinguished graduate of Squadrons Officer School and has represented his squadron at the Top Tech Air Force Instructor Competition.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Captain Jack Drohan on his promotion to Major, and extend to him my best wishes for continued service to the Air Force and our great country.

**TRIBUTE TO MACK WILLIE
RHODES**

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a pillar in my hometown, Mr. Mack Willie Rhodes of Sumter, South Carolina. An African-American great great-grandfather, Mr. Rhodes has been a champion in his community for many years. He is continually offering his assistance to neighbors, friends and family in many capacities. Mr. Rhodes is the oldest member of Melina Presbyterian Church, where he has worshiped since 1915. Mr. Rhodes is an Elder in his church and was a Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He also taught Sunday school at the Goodwill Presbyterian Church and has been a member of Masonic Lodge Golden Gate No. 73 since 1948.

Mr. Rhodes was born in Sardinia, South Carolina, on February 25, 1898 to Robert and Olivia Williams Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes is the second oldest of 15 children. Family, good values, and good living are Mr. Rhodes' most cherished possessions.

At an early age Mr. Rhodes married Annie Elizabeth Hammett Rhodes (deceased). They

had 14 children: Calvin Oliver Rhodes, John Tillman Rhodes, Adranna Olivia Cooper, Susanna H. Hannibal, Annie Elizabeth Muldrow, Hattie Jane Burgess, Mack Willie Rhodes, Sam J. Rhodes, Daisy B. Sims, Willie Rhodes, Albert Rhodes, Viola Rhodes Montgomery, MacArthur Rhodes, and Paul Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes later married Mrs. Carrie Smith Rhodes (deceased), who brought two children to their union: Maggie and Johnny Smith. He is affectionately known as "Papa" by his 7 children (9 deceased), 41 grandchildren (5 deceased), 41 great-grandchildren (2 deceased) and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Rhodes' favorite pastime is reading the Bible, newspapers and magazines. He also enjoys watching baseball, the news, and news related programs on television. He still takes time to visit the sick in his community to offer any assistance he may be able to provide. His favorite Bible scripture is the 23rd Chapter of Psalms. Mr. Rhodes also lives by a motto, "Treat others as you would have them treat you."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mr. Mack Willie Rhodes a prosperous and happy 101st birthday. He is truly a living example of the American spirit.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of Black History Month.

The United States has officially observed Black History Month every February since 1976. The idea of observing Black History Month must be credited to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a prominent educator, historian and author, who created Negro History Week in 1926. For over 70 years, each February Americans have been encouraged to reflect upon the contributions that African Americans have made to American life and culture—and to think about the unfinished business this great country faces in addressing what has been referred to as America's own original sin—slavery and racism.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, an organization established by Dr. Woodson in 1915 to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the contributions that African Americans have made to this country, has selected "The Legacy of African Americans in Leadership for the Present and Future" as the theme for this year's observance of Black History Month. Accordingly, I wish to address my remarks today to some of the great African American leaders with which this country has been blessed over its lifetime.

There is no shortage of articulate, influential African American leaders in our nation's history. These individuals influenced both the African American community and our society at large in powerful ways as they fought to win freedom, fair treatment, and better lives for all African Americans.

African American leaders have been influential throughout this country's history—even in